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to amino acid residues Q298, G299, G301, Y302, L307, H405, H406, D407, I428, D430, and G475
in *Bacillus licheniformis* alpha-amylase. --

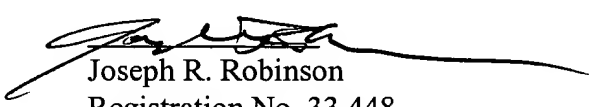
Remarks

Claims 105, 106, 110-112, and 188-191 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 193-213 have been added and are supported by the application as filed. Therefore, claims 77-81, 84-88, 90-93, 97, 113-187, and 192-213 are pending and are at issue. Appendix 1 attached hereto demonstrates support in the present specification for the newly added claims.

It is believed that the pending claims are free from any ground for rejection over the prior art, and early passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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